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# U.S. GOVT. PREPARES for WAR!

Before the American capitalist class and its government in Washington begin to send the workers and farmers to their death in the Second World war, they are intent upon hamstringing the labor movement so that there wont be any trouble at home.

The big aim of the boss class is to keep its slaves, the workers in total subjection. Rosevelt, in a recent statement following the outbreak of the war in Europe, gave direction to this goal by ordering the FBI to take action against the so-called subversive elements-- in other words, to take action against radicals and revolutionaries who are opposed to the war aims of the capitalist government.

From the experience gathered in the last world war the government has been able to prepare its plans for nation wide anti-labor action both before and after entrance into the war.

Under the slogan of national unity the "R" day - mobilization day-plans will be enforced by the ruling class. The government will take measures to outlaw all strikes and place the unions under its complete control, ( the groundwork has already been laid for this by the National Labor Relations Board), to destroy the freedom of press, speech, and assembly, especially for those who are opposed to the imperialist war. The government will close down and raid the headquarters of workers political organization, and jail their leaders or send them to the front line trenches to be killed off first.

What is in store for the working class as a whole is the regimentation of labor for the purpose of insuring that plenty of war materials are produced at the smallest possible wage. The government will see to it that not only will the workers be kept in line and be forced to sacrifice themselves in the front line trenches, but it will also condemn their wives and children at home to starvation and suffering.

We must take action against these plans before it is too late. If we permit the government to carry out its plans for suppressing the democratic rights of the working class in order to preserve and extend their own profits then we will be helping them to set up a Fascist dictatorship here at home.

"Democratic" England and France use the excuse of "national unity" and " struggle against Hitlerism" to tie the hands of their workers and lay the basis for a Fascist regime of their own. It wont be long before the same thing is done here.

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# "NEUTRALITY" and the WORKERS.

Despite all the talk about neutrality, the United States is getting itself ready to jump in with both feet to make the Big War bigger. No one should be kidded for a minute by all the clap-trap that comes from Franklin D. ("I-hate-war") Roosevelt when he says that every effort possible will be made to keep this country out of war. Every move he takes, every speech he makes is calculated to push America a little closer to the brink so that he can shove us over, when the proper moment arrives, without too much trouble.

The Neutrality Act, which is not a neutrality act because in reality it favors Germany, is about to be revised or scrapped for a "better" neutrality law--which also will not be neutrality because it will favor Britain-France. For a country as powerful as the U. S. A.--with its own far-flung imperialist interests and the tremendous weight of its industrial economy, there is no such thing as neutrality. The Wall Street gang and their office boy in the White House will get into the fight for the identical reason that the others are in it--to extend their capitalist interests and open up fresh fields for profits.

The present Neutrality Act says that arms cannot be sold to any belligerent. This, however, did not prevent Roosevelt from putting Canada in a special category whereby it is to be defended by the US against any aggression. In other words, Wall Street won't sell arms to Canada--but will use its own arms for the defense of that country. Nothing shows so clearly where the sympathies of our boss class lie, or what its ultimate intentions are.

The "cash-and carry" policy which the White House will most likely get through means only that Britain and France, whose navies control the Atlantic, will be able to buy all the supplies they need while Germany will be frozen out. Apart from the deep political implications of this move, the duPonts aren't exactly going to be sore about it. And maybe it is just a coincidence that J.P. Morgan & Co. have been appointed financial agents for the British and French Governments!

All these steps make it clear as day that American capitalism is throwing in its lot with the so-called democracies - not because it sees it as its "moral duty", or to "defend freedom and justice" but because its own financial interests will best be promoted by lining up against Germany, Russia, and Japan. Wall Street has heavy investments in the Far East and South America and it will fight at the drop of the hat the moment they are threatened. The "cash and carry" policy of selling arms is more than just an economic measure of support of Britain and France: it is the first big step to U.S. military and naval intervention on its own behalf. This policy of economic aid to Britain-France will soon show itself to be inadequate and that will be the go-ahead signal for the vast naval machine that Roosevelt has been building.

The American working class should meanwhile not overlook the pretty fact that all these 35,000-ton battleships at a cost of 30 odd million dollars per, are not being paid by the Morgans and the





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duPonts whose pocketbooks they are built to defend. They are financed out of the hides of the workers themselves--by the squeezing down of home relief, the slashing of WPA, the rise in living costs, etc. The boss class is determined to see to it that we will have a full share in this war for "democracy"--i.e. we not only have to fight it for them, we also have to pay for it.

We have to remember these things when they wheel their propaganda machine into action, and through their controlled press, their pulpits, their radio, their movies, their patriotic posters, they try to convince us that Japan is a "yellow peril" that we have to smash. What they will really mean--and not say-- is that they are afraid of losing their profitable stake in China, etc.

Minor preparations are already going forward. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been hiring hundreds of new men to keep an eye on the radical labor movement so that a new series of "Palmer Raids" can be organized. Every strike is treated as a treasonable act. (Witness Roosevelt's threat to intervene in the Maritime strike in New York harbor.) Anti-labor movies are reaching new heights in viciousness. Street-corner meetings are attended by cops who take down the words of the speaker in little black notebooks. In short, they are getting themselves worked up for a campaign of first-class hysteria.

What is labor to do? Line up with the patriots, the war mongers? That is the answer of the cowardly traitors who represent themselves as our leaders because they control our unions, or have big political followings.

Or should we be pacifists and support the Ludlow Amendment which advocates a "people's vote on"? That too will land us in the camp of the professional patriots and jingoists for it conceals and attempts to blind us to the real nature of war and how it is waged by imperialist powers. If Roosevelt ever granted the right to vote on war, it would only be after he had beaten the labor movement into submission and agreement. Imperialist wars are not stopped by pacifist brain waves (some of the pacifists have already started whooping it up for the war). Imperialist wars are stopped by a determined labor movement which will not forget for a single moment that its real enemy is the U. S. boss class and its White House brokers;--a labor movement that militantly understands that when it fights for American capitalism, no matter under what noble words it is hidden, it is knifing itself.

No collaboration with U.S. Imperialism in its war of conquest and plunder!

No childish confusion that we can "convince" the boss class not to fight, by paper ballots!

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# PACTS AND FACTS

The American Stalinists are in a bad way. No previous change in their line has taken place with such speed as the acrobatics of the last few weeks. By this time the contradictions are so full-blown that those who run may read.

In the good old days of the Popular Front, the Communist Party of the U.S.A., section of the Third International, stood firm for the following glorious working-class principles:

1. For National Security - i.e., support of American imperialism in China, South America, Europe, and wherever.
2. For Collective Security - i.e., support of Roosevelt's 'peace' policy (and his armament budget), of Russia's 'peace' policy, of the holy crusade of the democracies against Fascism, for the extinction (by imperialist war) of Nazism and Fascism.
3. As an afterthought, for socialism in the U.S. by the wishes of the majority, with the aid of our Great White Father in Washington, (D.C.).

How sadly the Stalin-Hitler pact crippled the foregoing three planks! There was not even time to make the change by using the old Stalinist trick of adopting the new line and retaining the old at the same time. Frankly, the counter-revolutionary center treated Comrade Browder very badly. He was given no warning of their intentions to sign a pact with the Nazi fiend (now house-broken). As a result, he was caught, so to speak, with his pants down and his mouth open, unable even to invent an explanation. By the next day he had recovered somewhat and called the pact a canny, subtle blow against Fascism. He guaranteed an airtight 'escape' clause; a new quality began to appear in his face when the news came there was no 'escape' clause, even for him. His eyes expressed fear as to what might whip off the ticker-tape next and sock him in the nose.

A poet (anonymous) has, we think, caught the emotional tone of the situation with artistic precision when he writes:

Poor Comrade Browder, uninformed and tremblin'  
Waiting for the latest dispatch from the Kremblin!

Following the awful silence of the Daily Worker for 34 hours after the signing of the pact, the Stalinists settled down to a steady diet of confusion, attended by heart-burn and brain-fever. They decided the pact was a blow for peace and against Fascism. Somehow the wires got crossed and within the week (September 1) peace was blown sky-high and Fascism marched into Poland. Thereupon, the D.W. and Comrades Browder and Hathaway announced unflinchingly that their policy, editorially and otherwise, would be pro-Polish. At the same time they were forced to attack the 'Munichers', Chamberlain and Daladier, who had refused to sign a pact with Moscow and had thus driven her into the arms of Hitler. Although these two gents hesitated and diplomitized, they refused to 'sell out' this time. Why? Because this time the imperial-





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ist spoils of France and England were seriously threatened, and the boys were out to protect that "national security" they had so long neglected.

These were calm moments; however, compared to the ones two weeks later when the glorious Red Army of Workers and Peasants set foot on Polish soil to liberate their "blood-brothers".

That was the point when everything went black, and when the lights came on again there was Stalinism clothed in a parti-colored gown of scarlet ultra-leftism, relieved by rich counter-revolutionary trimmings. The Stalinoid mental giants suddenly discovered that the war was not against Fascism at all, but "imperialist", "unjust", and "against the workers interests." The greatest war-mongers in the U.S. told us not to allow America to participate, guaranteed that they would never vote for war credits, swore that neither retention nor revision of the Neutrality Act would keep us out of the war. But they had gone too far along the flag-waving path to repair the damages. In France, Comrade Thorez had enlisted in the army a little too early; in England the Stalinoid adenoids were already gasping inside the umbrella-man's gas-masks; in China, for two years the Soviets had been supporting Chiang Kai Shek's "republic", from which Stalin has just withdrawn all support. Moreover, during all this time, Moscow was on the friendliest terms with Berlin. The air was thick with military missions going back and forth, with Ribbentrop, with German engineers, with meetings at Brest-Litovsk.

What about Poland? They made the remarkable discovery that its government was semi-fascist. It had betrayed the people by fleeing the country while it was "the victim of aggression". (Like Benes of Czechoslovakia and Negrin of Spain, Comrades?) There was obviously nothing to do under the circumstances but to invade Poland, reorganize the Polish C.P. (which Stalin himself abolished two years ago), and to set up local Soviets, was there?

Although they hate semi-fascism, the Russian bureaucracy does not mind total Fascism. Three weeks ago, on International Youth Day, a new set of slogans was issued in which not one single anti-fascist slogan, so common in past years, appeared. Since Fascism no longer exists as far as the Workers' Fatherland is concerned, it makes the American C.P.'s outcries against it look rather weak. The American C.P.'s new dress is put on only in order to play the same old game - that of protecting the Russian overlords. But the policies are so rotten at both ends that good connections have become impossible. The present anti-war proclamations of Browder are a fake perpetrated only for this purpose. Look for him in the arms of Roosevelt when the United States declares war and you will find him there. While Stalin "liberates" from the East and Hitler from the West, the prospects are excellent for the liberation of the American working-class from Stalinism.





## U.S. GOVT. PREPARES for WAR (cont.)

We can start immediately to fight against this by the formation of a united front of all working class organizations to defend the democratic rights of the workers. Its purpose must be to warn against this danger and organize the workers for political action through strikes, demonstrations, etc. A united front campaign including public meetings, issuance of timely bulletins, etc., will arouse large numbers of workers to the dangers ahead. Despite disagreement on anti-war policy, many working class organizations nevertheless can and must work together in a united front campaign to defend the democratic rights of labor.

A number of organizations have already been invited to discuss and take action on this question at a meeting to be held Saturday, Sept. 23, 8 PM, at 108 East 14th St., third floor, rear. Urge your organization, whether political, fraternal or trade union, to send a representative to this and future conferences which will be announced.

## "NEUTRALITY" and the WORKERS (cont.)

We will "convince" the boss class that we mean business by militant class action, by fighting them tooth and nail here at home. Our enemy is not the German working class but our own American capitalist class and the capitalist system as a whole, which we will have to overthrow to make a permanent peace possible.

FIGHT THE ENEMY HERE!

YOUR MAIN ENEMY IS AT HOME!

## EDITORIAL

War has been raging for only a few weeks and already Poland lies devastated. This is but a taste of what is to come; the present struggle of the imperialist brigands is bound to make the war of 1914-18 look like an alley brawl.

The capitalist class is prepared to fight this war down to the last worker's life - in the name of the hoary old swindle of "democracy", "the war to end wars", "the fight against fascism". We heard all this bunk in the last war, but after 10,000,000 lives were snuffed out, we were treated to the same dismal spectacle of hunger, depression, counter-revolution, fascism, "minor" wars on four continents. And now it all winds up in another mass slaughter.

If the workers swallow this poison again, the results will be tens of millions of lives lost, world fascism and barbarism, more wars, and the complete destruction of the working class movement. Workers, this is a war for the benefit of the bosses and for nothing else. The bosses will make more millions, you will lose your lives! In every country, including Stalinist Russia, you must oppose this war which is being fought against your interests. Take the guns the boss government gives you and use them against that government, not against the oppressed workers of other countries.

NOT A PENNY, NOT A MAN FOR THE BOSS WAR!

ORGANIZE TO FIGHT ROOSEVELT'S WAR PLANS!

TURN THE BOSS WAR INTO A WAR AGAINST THE BOSSES!

THE WORKERS REVOLUTION IS THE FIRST STEP TOWARD PEACE!

